

2012 - JCR Evaluation Form

SPECIES: Bighorn Sheep

PERIOD: 6/1/2012 - 5/31/2013

HERD: BS121 - DARBY MOUNTAIN

HUNT AREAS: 24

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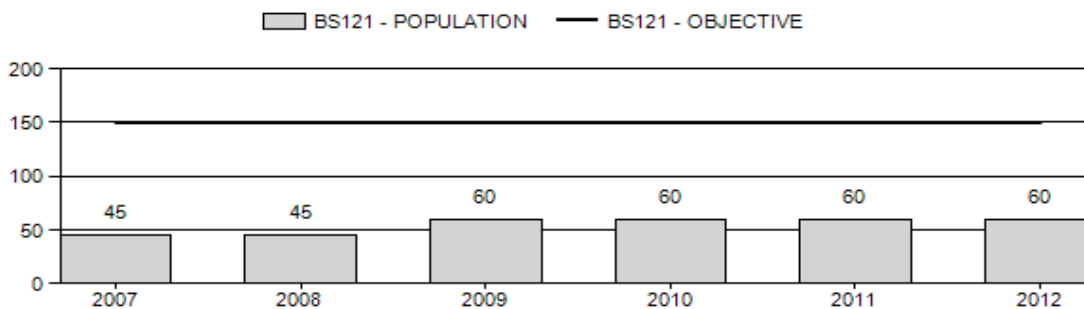
	<u>2007 - 2011 Average</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013 Proposed</u>
Population:	54	60	60
Harvest:	1	0	0
Hunters:	1	1	0
Hunter Success:	100%	0%	0 %
Active Licenses:	1	1	0
Active License Percent:	100%	0%	0 %
Recreation Days:	2	1	0
Days Per Animal:	2	0	0
Males per 100 Females	68	NA	
Juveniles per 100 Females	50	NA	

Population Objective:	150
Management Strategy:	Special
Percent population is above (+) or below (-) objective:	-60%
Number of years population has been + or - objective in recent trend:	12
Model Date:	2/23/2013

Proposed harvest rates (percent of pre-season estimate for each sex/age group):

	<u>JCR Year</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Females \geq 1 year old:	NA%	NA%
Males \geq 1 year old:	NA%	NA%
Juveniles (< 1 year old):	NA%	NA%
Total:	NA%	NA%
Proposed change in post-season population:	NA%	NA%

Population Size - Postseason



2013 BIGHORN SHEEP HUNTING SEASONS

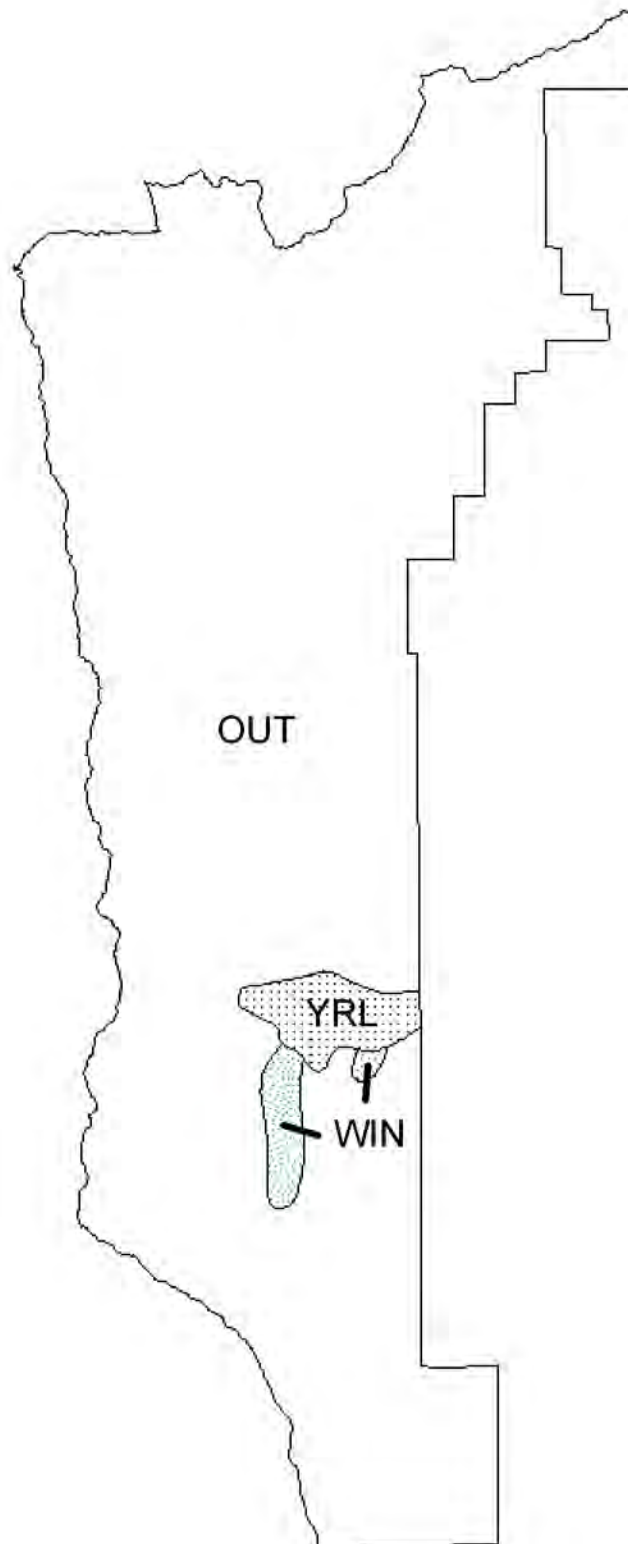
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<u>HUNT AREA</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>OPENS</u>	<u>CLOSES</u>	<u>LIMITATIONS</u>
24	+	Closed		

MANAGEMENT EVALUATION

The Darby Mountain bighorn sheep herd population objective is 150 sheep. The objective was established in 1991.

The 2013 bighorn sheep hunting season for Hunt Area 24 was closed. Due to the lack of mature rams, low lamb numbers and poor recruitment of sheep into older age classes, the Department closed this hunt area for the immediate future. One license was available for this hunt area from 2008 to 2012 and 4 total rams were harvested. In 2012, the one licensed hunter observed very few sheep and could not find a mature ram after 15 total days of hunting. The lack of sheep observed by the hunter is consistent with Department field surveys over the past several years. In 2012, a mid-winter helicopter survey yielded only 37 total sheep in this Hunt Area. In 1998, this Hunt Area was also closed to hunting when total sheep numbers and availability of mature rams declined below acceptable levels.



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